

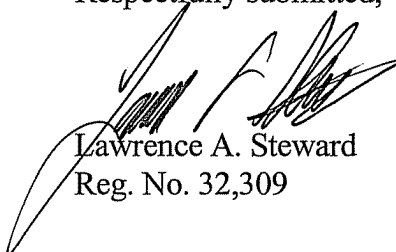
REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated October 24, 2008. In the Office Action, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement, wherein the Examiner asserted that there were two inventions described by the claims.

Restriction was required between the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-21, drawn to an introducer sheath, and the claims of Group II, namely claims 22-28, drawn to a method of manufacturing a sheath. In response to this requirement, Applicants select the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-21, drawn to an introducer sheath. Accordingly, claims 22-28 have been withdrawn.

Applicants look forward to examination and early allowance of the claims of this application. If the Examiner has any further questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned attorney.

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